

Pennsylvania Game Commission Information and Education

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is the state agency responsible for conserving and managing the wild birds and mammals of our state. In carrying out this mission, the Game Commission provides a variety of services and functions. These include, but are not limited to, enforcing wildlife laws, conducting wildlife research, managing land, conducting hunter-trapper education classes, developing and implementing wildlife conservation education workshops and programs, working with farmers and other landowners, and collaborating with other agencies and wildlife organizations.

Education is a key component of conserving and managing wildlife. Through a variety of programs, workshops and materials, the Commission is committed to providing educational opportunities to all Pennsylvanians.

YOUTH PROGRAMS - Wildlife Education Supervisors/Specialists and Wildlife Conservation Officers conduct classroom and club programs for youth of all ages. Programs cover a wide range of wildlife topics and are developed to directly correlate to classroom curriculum or club programming. Examples of programs include: adaptation, predator/prey relationships, ecosystems, endangered species of PA, bluebirds, white-tailed deer, and wildlife management.

EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS - The Commission sponsors Project WILD, a national hands-on interdisciplinary curriculum supplement about wildlife and habitat. Workshops are offered throughout the state by Commission personnel and Project WILD facilitators. All workshop participants receive the Project WILD Activity Guide.

Topic and species oriented workshops are also offered. These vary from year to year and region to region. Examples of workshops include: Endangered Species, Neotropical Migrants, Peregrine Falcon, WILD about Elk, Black Bears and Habitat Improvement on School Grounds.

WILD ACTION GRANTS- Each year mini-grants are awarded to schools and youth organizations for habitat improvement projects on school and community grounds.

PROGRAMS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS - Wildlife Education Supervisors/ Specialist and Wildlife Conservation Officers conduct programs for all interested organizations and groups. A wide variety of programs are offered based on the interest and the requests of the audience. Examples of programs include: eagles, peregrine falcons, coyotes, songbirds, raptors, elk, habitat improvement, and deer management.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES- Each region has a selection of videos, films and slide programs for loan to schools, organizations and groups. These resources vary from region to region and cover a wide variety of topics and target age groups.

MATERIALS- There are many free and "cost" publications available. A complete listing is available from Commission headquarters or your regional office. Publications include, but are not limited to, the following:

* *Wildlife Notes* is a series of pamphlets providing in-depth natural history of Pennsylvania mammals and birds. These are available free of charge and can be obtained in quantity. A shipping fee may be required for large quantities.

* *Pamphlets* on a wide variety of topics are available free of charge. There may be a shipping fee for large quantities. Examples include: 50 Birds and Mammals, Nesting Boxes, Bird Houses, Poison Ivy! Where, What do Deer Eat, Wings Out Your Window, Pheasant Recovery Project, The Hunter, Deer Diseases and Parasites, Some Plants are Poison, Wood Duck Nesting Box.

* *Charts* depicting birds and mammals grouped by habitat are available in two sizes for a small charge.

* *Books and Videos* are for sale. Books include: *Mammals of Pennsylvania*, *Wild Game Cookbook*, *Birds Of Pennsylvania*. Two videos are available- *On the Trail of the Pennsylvania Black Bear* and *Pennsylvania Whitetails: Living with Change*. These videos were developed by the Commission and explore the natural history, habitat, management and issues surrounding these dynamic mammals.

MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Game Commission, inviting a speaker to your classroom, or acquiring Game Commission publications, please contact headquarters or your regional office.

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